notice of Government during 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the number of medicines being marketed contain less ingredients than required as per pharmacopeia;

(d) if so, what is the number of cases that came to Government's notice during last two years, year-wise; and

(e) what action has been provided under the Drugs Act against companies marketing such medicines and details of action taken during last two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Medicines containing less ingredients than required as per pharmacopeia are considerd as per of standard quality under the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act. State Drugs Controllers are empowered to take penal action under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act.

Available information received from the State Drugs Controllers on spurious and sub-standard drugs for the years 1984-85 and 1985-86 is given in the attached Statement.

Statement

Cases of spurious Sub-standard drugs as reported by the State Drug Control Authorities

Year	No. of samples reportedly tested	No. of samples found sub-standard (not of standard quality)	No. of samples round spurious and Prosecuted under Drugs & Cosmetics Act	Results of Prosecution
1984-85	18504	3532	48	24
1985-86	19035	2705	32	22

Phone Exchange Lying Idle in Bombay

*116. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news Report which appeared in the Times of India of December 17, 1986 captioned "Rs. 12 crores phone exchange lying idle in Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

2,000 lines containerised electronic exchange installed at Kalamboli.

The news item refers to 2,000 lines exchange at Kalamboli in New Bombay remaining unutilised and delay in installation of 3,000 lines exchange at Thurbe. The position is as follows:
Kalamboli Exchange:

The containerised 2,000 lines exchange at Kalamboli was commissioned on 27th March, 1986. The total cost of the project is Rs. 2,54,61,100/—only.

The exchange was installed on the demand of Goverenment of Maharashtra and CIDCO to enable the iron and steel stockist to shift from Bombay to New Bombay.

As on December 20, 1986, 59 telephone connections are working

from the exchange. Payments have been received for installation of 977 connections. These could not be installed so far as the subscribers are still in the process of constructing their sheds and godowns.

The Maharahtra Government is pressing the prospective merchants to shift to New Bombay and have prohibited iron and steel entering Bombay from 1-1-1987. It is now expected that they will be shfting shortly and the capacity of the exchange will be utilised.

3,000 lines containerised electronic exchange at Thurbe.

The exchange supply was completed in October, 1986 after which the installation has been taken up. Originally, this exchange was allotted for Belapur. Considering the demands both of Vashi and Belapur, it was decided that the exchange be installed at Thurbe which is mid-way between Belapur and Vashi to cater to the demands of Vashi Belapur and Thurbe.

The exchange is in the final stage of installation and is expected to be commissioned in March, 1987. The project cost of the exchange is Rs. 3,79,86,000/-. It is expected that the capacity of the exchange will be fully utilised within a short time of its commissioning, as there is adequate waiting list to fill up this exchange.

Teacher's Strike in Delhi Schools

*117. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several teachers of the Government and Government aided schools in Delhi have been on strike;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the time since they are agitating; and

(d) what steps have been taken to meet their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The teachers working in the schools run by Delhi Administration and Municipal Corporation of Delhi have been agitating since 13-2-1987 for restoration of Selection Grade and for grant of higher pay scales based on the recommendations of National. Commission on Teachers-I. The Government is considering further improvements in emoluments to teachers and a decision in this matter is expected shortly.

Adulteration of food stuffs and edible oils

*118. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an alarming rise in the adulteration of foodstuffs and edible oils posing serious health hazards to the consumers;

(b) if so, what, according to the study, if any, conducted by Government are the major items of foodstuffs and essential commodities which are commonly adulterated by the traders/manufacturers;

(c) what is the number of samples of foodstuffs and other essential commodities collected during the year 1986 in various parts of the country and what percentage of the samples collected were found to be adulterated; and

(d) what according to the review are the deficiences in the working of the law enforcing machinery and